

REMARKS

In response to the outstanding Office Action of December 20, 2005, new claim 22 has been added to this application. Claims 11 have been canceled. Claims 16 and 22 are independent. Claims 12 through 15 have been amended to depend from new claim 22. Claim 16 has been amended to overcome the 35 U.S.C. §112 rejection by deleting "dowels" and substituting "at least one dowel" therefore.

It is asserted that claims 12 through 22 define applicant's invention over the prior art of record. In response to the claim rejections based upon 35 U.S.C. §103(a) the new claim 22 clearly defines applicant's invention over the patents of Cole and Chow. Neither Cole nor Chow operates to provide a lateral force to break a glue joint and could not be used for such a purpose. Furthermore, there is no basis for combining Cole and Chow to connect a shaft of Cole to a head of Chow.

Applicant has made a diligent and bona fide effort to answer each and every ground for rejection or objection to the specification including the claims and to place the application in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and further examination is respectfully requested, and for the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition to be passed to issue and such action is earnestly solicited.

It is believed that no additional fees are presently due. However, should that determination be incorrect, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Patent Office officials to debit Deposit Account No. 50-0562 to satisfy any and all fees which may be due. Should the Examiner wish to discuss this matter further, please contact the undersigned at the below listed number.

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